GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF NATIONAL MONITORING COMMITTEE FOR TRIBAL EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to form National Monitoring Committee for Tribals education with a view to improving the quality of and access to education among tribals and SC/ST communities on the line of National Monitoring Committee for Minority Education;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by when final decision is likely to be taken in this regard;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to provide modern education to the people belonging to Tribal, STs and SCs communities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

c)The Ministries of Social Justice & Empowerment and Tribal Affairs have been constituted with the objective of providing a more focused attention on the integrated socio-economic development of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes respectively. These Ministries operate exclusive educational programmes for SCs and STs and regularly monitor them.

(d) The major steps taken by the Government to provide modern education to SCs and STs are:

i. Reservation of seats in admission in educational institutions,
ii. Relaxation in cut off marks in admissions/appointments,
iii. Freeships/scholarships/fellowships/overseas scholarships,
iv. Hostels for SCs and STs,
v. Remedial and special coaching to improve academic skills,
vi. Residential Schools and Ashram Schools,
vii. Book-banks,
viii. Setting up of Eklavya Vidyalayas,
ix. Formulation of Special Component Plan (SCP) and Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) for SCs and STs respectively.